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Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2999]

The Territory of Guam

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on December 17, 1997, I find that the Territory of Guam constitutes a disaster area as a result of damages caused by Typhoon Paka beginning on December 16, 1997 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on February 17, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on September 17, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.812
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 299906 and for economic injury the number is 969400.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Table of Small Business Size Standards

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of publication of full table of small business size standards.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is publishing a full table of small business size standards by four-digit Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code. This table does not create, establish or modify any size standards currently in existence. This table merely presents all four-digit SIC codes for which SBA has established a small business size standard as a convenient reference for users of SBA's size standards.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: SBA Office of Size Standards at (202) 205-6618.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SBA is publishing below a full table of small business size standards in accordance with 13 CFR 121.121. On January 31, 1996, SBA published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 3280) a Final Rule that clarified and streamlined its small business size standards and related eligibility requirements under 13 CFR 121, "Small Business Size Regulations." The simplification of SBA's Small Business Size Regulations reduced the apparent size of the table of small business size standards in § 121.201 by listing general size standards by SIC Division. Those standards apply to all industries in that Division except those two-digit major group or four-digit industry codes listed with other specific standards. This streamlined table eliminated the duplication of common industry size standards within a Division and reduced the Code of Federal Regulations by fourteen pages.

Since the January 31, 1996, publication of the streamlined size standards table in § 121.201, no small business size standards has been changed. The table published here does not create, establish or modify any size standards currently in existence, but only presents all size standards in an expanded and more convenient format. Changes or modifications to 13 CFR 121 are only made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Any changes to the table of small business size standards will be reflected in the annual publication of the full list of size standards. SBA will also provide copies of any size related rules on its Internet web site at <http://www.sba.gov/>. Those with access to the Internet can obtain and download the current table of size standards, listed by four-digit SIC industry code, at <http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov/gopher/Financial-Assistance/Size-Standards/>. Others may contact any SBA office to verify size standards currently in effect.

SBA was aware when it published the streamlined table of size standards that many users prefer a table listing size standards for each four-digit SIC code. To accommodate those users, the SBA stated in the Final Rule (§ 121.101) that it would publish such an entire table annually in the **Federal Register**. SBA recognizes that having the entire list of small business size standards with the four-digit SIC codes often makes it easier for users to apply the proper standards to their needs, and that it should also reduce the chance for error. This also provides users with additional size standards information without expanding federal regulations. Accordingly, this notice contains a table matching a small business size standard with each four-digit SIC code for which SBA has established a size standard.

Since the publication of the streamlined size standards table, SBA has received questions as to whether small business size standards apply to the four-digit SIC codes that are not specifically listed in the text of § 121.201. The paragraph at the head of table in § 121.201 states that "Size standards are listed by Division and apply to *all industries in that Division* [emphasis added] except those specifically listed with separate size standards for a specific two-digit major group or four-digit industry code." This means that "all four-digit SIC codes within that major group have the same size standard, unless otherwise noted as exceptions. For example, the size standard for management consulting services, SIC code 8742, is \$5 million in average annual revenues. Although this industry is not listed in the size table in § 121.201, a size standard does exist for that industry.

The proper application of the size standards table in § 121.201 is very important since to be eligible for programs reserved for small business, SBA requires that a concern qualify as a small business using the size standard(s) for the appropriate industry. In connection with SBA financial assistance programs, § 121.301 states that "(a) For Business Loans and Disaster Loans (other than physical disaster loans), an applicant must not exceed the size standard for the *industry* [emphasis added] in which: (1) The applicant combined with its affiliates is primarily engaged; and (2) The applicant alone is primarily engaged." Also, to be eligible as a small business for federal procurement programs, a concern must meet the size standard specified in the solicitation, which the contracting officer selects giving primary consideration "to the *industry*